

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

MASONIC.

PLYMOUTH KILWINING LODGE, No. 149, F. and A. M.; meets first and third Friday evenings of each month. Daniel McDonald, K. M.; Johnson Brownlee, Sec.

PLYMOUTH CHAPTER, No. 49, R. A. M.; meets second Friday evening of each month. L. McDonald, H. P. J. C. Jilson, Sec.

PLYMOUTH COMMANDRY, No. 26 K. T.; meets second and fourth Thursday of each month. Ed Corbin E. C.; L. Tanner Rec.

PLYMOUTH CHAPTER, No. 26, O. E. S.; meets first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mrs. Sallie Parks, W. M. Mrs. W. J. Rankin, Sec.

ODD FELLOWS.

AMERICUS LODGE, No. 91; meets every Thursday evening at their lodge rooms on Michigan st. F. H. Alberts, N. G. Jesse Hoham, Sec.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

HYPER LODGE, No. 117; meets every Monday night in Castle Hill. John Linquist, C. C. Calvin Switzer, K. of R. and S.

FORESTERS.

PLYMOUTH COURT, No. 499; meets the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month, in K. of P. hall. Chas. S. Price, C. R. C. M. Slater, Sec.

K. O. T. M.

PLYMOUTH TENT, No. 27; meets every Tuesday evening at K. O. T. M. hall. Dan. Jacoby, Com. James Hoffman, Record Keeper.

L. O. T. M.

WIDE AWAKE HIVE, No. 67; meets every Monday night at K. O. T. M. hall on Michigan street. Mrs. Flora J. Ellis, Commander. Bessie Wilkinson, Record Keeper.

HIVE NO. 28; meets every Wednesday evening in K. O. T. M. hall. Mrs. Maggie Fogle, Com., Alma E. Lawrence, Record Keeper.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Meets first and third Wednesday evenings of each month in Simon's hall. Moses M. Lauer, Regent. Francis McCrory, Sec.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

Meets first and third Wednesday evenings of each month in K. of P. hall. C. M. Kasper, C. C. Joe Eich, Clerk.

G. A. R.

MILES H. TIBBETS POST, G. A. R.; meets every first and third Monday evenings in Simons hall. Dwight L. Dickerson Com., Charlie Wilcox, Adjt.

SONS OF VETERANS.

Meets every second and fourth Friday evenings in G. A. R. hall. J. A. Shunk, Captain. Cora B. North, 1st Lieut.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST—Class meeting every Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Preaching at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:05 p. m. L. S. Smith, pastor. J. W. Wilfong, class leader. D. Frank Redd, sabbath school superintendent.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL—St. Thomas' Church. Rev. Wm. Wirt Raymond, rector. Sunday services, 10:30 a. m., 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at noon. Services Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Communion on holy days at 10 a. m.

CHURCH OF GOD—Garro and Water sts. Regular services 10:30 a. m. each Sunday. Third Sunday in each month preaching by J. L. Wine; fourth Sunday by H. V. Reed. 10:30 Sunday morning and 7:30 Sunday evening. Sunday school at 12 o'clock; Eva Rallsback, Supt. Prayer meeting at 7:30 each Thursday evening.

UNITED BRETHREN—Sunday—9:30 a. m. class meeting. 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m., preaching by the pastor. 11:30 a. m., Sunday School. 5:00 p. m. Junior Y. P. C. U. meeting. 6:00 p. m. Senior Y. P. C. U. meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

CATHOLIC CHURCH—Church is held on Sundays as follows: First mass at 7:30 a. m. second mass at 10:00 a. m. Vespers at 8:00 p. m. Week day mass 7:45. Father Moeuch, pastor.

THE WEEKLY INDEPENDENT.

C. W. METSKER, Pub. and Prop.

PLYMOUTH, - - - INDIANA.

NEWS TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

Minor Happenings of the Past Week.

EVENTS OF LAST SEVEN DAYS.

Political, Religious, Social and Criminal Doings of the Whole World Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—The Accident Record.

Carlyle, Ill.—Mrs. Hugh Essington died suddenly of paralysis, aged 62. Greensboro, N. C.—Sonny Ryan, who murdered his wife, was hanged.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Oscar Froehlich committed suicide by taking carbolic acid.

Bloomington, Ill.—John Nelson, a driver, was instantly killed by falling from a trestle.

Louisville, Ill.—Charles, 6-year-old son of Elias Erwin, was fatally injured with firecrackers.

Keokuk, Iowa.—Ephraim Radasch stood before a mirror and fired one shot, causing instant death.

Tiffin, Mo.—Two little children of a farmer were set upon by a number of hogs, which killed and ate them.

Brazil, Ind.—John Smith, an oil peddler, shot and wounded Harry Joseph, proprietor of the Central Oil and Tank line.

Joliet, Ill.—Romaine Kolath was killed at the Illinois Steel Works by the falling of a cupola in the converting mill.

Des Moines, Iowa.—The barbers of the state ask co-operation in the effort to secure the regulation of their business by law.

Cleveland, Ohio.—W. W. Andrews, an attorney, was found dead in his chair in his office. He had been afflicted with heart disease.

Tiffin, Ohio.—A boiler explosion near Helena fatally injured Henry Kneaster, George Robbins and Phil Goodrich. Robbins is dead.

Coshocton, Ohio.—Judge Julius C. Pomeroy, of the Fifth judicial circuit of Ohio, was stricken with paralysis, death resulting shortly afterward.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Thomas P. Collinbourne, one of the pioneers of this city, is dead. He was 72 years of age, and came here in 1844.

Buffalo, N. Y.—James A. Nolan, a lawyer of Topeka, Kan., who escaped from the Kansas state insane asylum about two months ago, was arrested here.

Philadelphia, Pa.—John J. Burns, who was sent to Moyamensing prison in default of \$3,000 bail for trial on a charge of perjury, committed suicide by hanging.

Oakland, Cal.—A criminal case in which the defendant, the complainant, one of the attorneys and nearly all of the witnesses are deaf mutes, is on trial before Police Judge Allen. James Daggett is accused of a felony by Maggie Halloran. Rodan Grady, who can neither hear nor speak, is associated with H. S. Aldrich in the defense.

La Crosse, Wis.—M. M. Manville was examined as to his sanity by Drs. George H. Powell and H. G. Miller, and was found insane, and committed by Judge Dyson.

Anderson, Ind.—While moving an old house at Hantsville, workmen came upon a long box containing the skeleton of a man with a bullet hole through his skull.

Racine, Wis.—A train struck a sleigh containing Peter Anderson, a farmer, and his 17-year-old son, near Franksville. Anderson was instantly killed and the boy was badly injured.

Denver, Col.—Formal steps were taken by the incorporation of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial association for the establishment of a monument on the summit of Mount Lookout in the Arkansas valley.

Burlington, N. J.—The Masonic grand lodge of New Jersey has purchased a magnificent property in this county for a state home, not only for masons, but for masons' widows and orphans as well. It will cost \$150,000. St. Louis, Mo.—William E. Burr, Jr., ex-cashier of the St. Louis national bank, under a sentence of five years at the Jefferson City state penitentiary for the embezzlement of \$20,000, has been pardoned by President McKinley.

Kokomo, Ind.—Lewis Caldwell, the absconding superintendent of the Central Union Telephone company, was captured at Memphis, Tenn., by the company's traveling auditor, S. E. Fisher of Chicago, after a chase of 5,000 miles.

Louisville, Ky.—The Rev. M. H. Houston, who was tried and convicted of heresy, appeared before the Louisville presbytery and declined to receive the censure that had been prepared for him, saying that before he would give up his beliefs he would give up his calling.

Moline, Ill.—John Grady and "Jake" Golden were arrested and taken to Peoria, charged with violating the internal revenue law.

Dubuque, Iowa.—Arthur Jacobs, convicted of counterfeiting, was put under a suspended sentence to two years in the Anamosa penitentiary.

Lima, Ohio.—John Strawman, a Seneca county farmer, threw a cartridge into the fire. It went off, killing Mrs. Strawman's breast with shot and causing her death. Strawman's right hand was blown off by the explosion of the percussion cap as he was taking the shell from the fire.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Dubuque, Iowa.—John Turley, one of the oldest passenger engineers on the Chicago Great Western railway and chairman of the arbitration committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, is dead.

Carlinville, Ill.—James Gray, aged 91, an early settler, is dead, near Centerville.

Monticello, Ill.—Dr. A. B. Knott died here of paralysis. He was in his 80th year.

Palo Alto, Cal.—Dr. Noah Fields Drake has accepted a position in the Tien-Tsin (China) university. He will be major professor of mining, engineering and geology.

Moline, Ill.—The Moline Furniture company has confessed judgment for \$10,748.10. Other liabilities bring the total up to nearly \$18,000. The assets are about \$20,000.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The Elkhart, Goshen & Southern railway was incorporated here. Capital stock \$250,000. William H. Holcomb of Chicago is at the head of the company.

Madison, Wis.—The normal school regents have decided to rebuild the school recently burned at River Falls.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Ira Nichols, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, attempted to board a boat and was drowned in the river.

Pembina, N. D.—The First National bank is closed and is in the hands of United States Bank Examiner Anheier. The bank had accumulated \$20,000 in valueless securities. President L. E. Booker is now a fugitive from justice.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The orange and lemon crops of southern California have been injured by frost during a succession of cold nights.

Zanesville, Ohio.—Joseph Leonard, a farmer residing in this county, by the death of an uncle in Greenboro, N. C., inherits \$50,000.

New York.—The soldiers and sailors' monument to be erected by the city of New York will be placed 1,000 feet from the tomb of Gen. Grant.

Lima, O.—Mrs. Barney Pickler, aged widow, died in want. The administrator found over \$10,000 in cash and \$6,000 in notes secreted in an old bonnet.

Huntington, Ind.—Louis Meyer, aged 63 years, fell dead while eating breakfast.

Ashland, Wis.—Two Chicago detectives have been in the city looking for the supposed Mrs. Luetgert. The woman who caused this action has left town.

Cedar Falls, Iowa.—Public memorial services were held in honor of the late Prof. J. C. Gilchrist, the president of the Iowa State Normal school.

Bellaire, Ohio.—Morgan & Gorrall, coal operators, assigned. Poor collections and dull business.

Aurora, Ill.—Corbett & Stadler, manufacturers of waterworks standpipes and steam boilers, made an assignment to S. E. Shephardson. Assets \$40,000.

Wabash, Ind.—Three members of the family of Otis Brubaker were bitten by a mad dog. Wabash physicians have laid the matter before a Chicago specialist and asked for advice by wire.

St. Louis, Mo.—The vaults of the Mermoid & Jaccard Jewelry Company, whose establishment burned, were opened, and the contents, consisting of jewels, watches and diamonds, valued at more than \$250,000, were found intact.

Akron, Ohio.—The Falls rivet and machine works at Cuyahoga Falls was sold by Receiver J. A. Long to George C. Allen, representing creditors' committee, for \$202,000. The plant will be operated by a new company.

Youngstown, Ohio.—Stockholders of the Ohio Steel Company, capitalized at \$1,500,000, have decided to double the stock, so as to erect two mammoth furnaces.

Bloomington, Ill.—The defense in the murder trial of Ben and Wilbur McCoy, accused of the murder of John Bullock at Shirley in May, 1896, rested without offering any evidence.

Oberlin, Ohio.—Lewis George Clarke, the original of Harriet Beecher's Stowe's character of George Harris in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was buried here.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

CHICAGO.
Hogs, all grades..... 1.75 @ 3.52½
Cattle, common to prime 1.70 @ 5.50
Sheep and lambs..... 2.50 @ 6.00
Corn, No. 2..... 26½ @ .27
Wheat, No. 3 spring..... .82 @ .84
Oats, No. 3 white..... 23½ @ .23¾
Eggs..... .11 @ .20
Rye, No. 2..... 46½ @
Butter..... 12 @ .21

NEW YORK.
Wheat, No. 2 red..... 39½ @
Corn, No. 2..... 34½ @
Oats, No. 2..... 37½ @

MILWAUKEE.
Wheat, No. 2 spring..... .87 @ .88
Corn, No. 2..... .27 @
Oats, No. 2..... .24 @ 24½
Barley, No. 2..... .40 @

TOLEDO.
Wheat, No. 2 cash..... .93 @
Corn, No. 2 mixed..... 26½ @
Oats, No. 2 mixed..... .23 @
Rye, No. 2 cash..... 45½ @
Cloverseed, prime cash..... 3.12½ @

ST. LOUIS.
Cattle, all grades..... 2.30 @ 5.25
Hogs..... 3.30 @ 3.50
Sheep..... 4.00 @ 6.00
Wheat, No. 2..... .99½ @
Oats, No. 2 cash..... .21½ @
Corn, No. 2 cash..... .26 @

KANSAS CITY.
Cattle, all grades..... 1.85 @ 5.40
Hogs, all grades..... 3.25 @ 3.40
Sheep and lambs..... 4.00 @ 5.55

PEORIA.
Rye, No. 2..... .48 @
Oats, No. 2 white..... 22½ @
Corn, No. 2..... 26½ @

WRECKED BY EXPLOSION.

Chicago Firemen and Citizens Killed and Injured.

FINANCIAL LOSS OF \$200,000.

Two Citizens Instantly Killed and Thirty-Three Badly Injured—Two Theories Advanced as the Cause of the Explosion.

Ten minutes after an alarm of fire had been given at 104 and 106 Madison street, Chicago, Dec. 23, a terrific explosion occurred beneath the sidewalk in front of the burning building. Structures were shaken for a block around and windows were shattered as by an explosion of dynamite. Scores of men and women were hurled to the ground, and a dozen or more were injured by flying glass. Two were instantly killed.

The list of the injured, numbering thirty-three in all, is greater than any fire in Chicago for a number of years. The police report that none of the injured are expected to die.

It is estimated the fire caused a financial loss of \$200,000. Insurance agents report a total insurance of \$157,000.

In trying to account for the fire and the consequent explosion two theories are advanced by those who are in the best position to judge. O. L. Tosetti, one of the proprietors, attributed the explosion to the oil-heating apparatus recently installed in the basement. Several of his employees and some of the firemen who came in actual contact with the explosion believe that natural gas was the cause of the disaster.

Will Wipe Out the Deficit.

It is believed the passage of the Loud bill in congress will effect a saving of at least \$10,000,000 annually and will wipe out the enormous deficit that confronts the postoffice department every year. The bill eliminates single volumes and sample copies from the second class of mail matter.

For the Funding of Pensions.

There is in view the presentation of a bill in congress through the pension committee looking toward the funding of the pension appropriation. The bill, it is claimed, promises to be a great benefit not only to the government in the saving of many millions of dollars, but to the pensioners also.

Heavy Fire Loss at Kansas City.

The Auditorium and the Auditorium Hotel, at Holmes and Ninth streets, Kansas City, were damaged by fire. The 106 guests escaped in safety. The loss on the entire property will aggregate \$700,000. The insurance amounts to \$200,000.

Favor Postal Savings Banks.

At the meeting of the National Building Trades council it was decided to memorialize congress to do all in its power to defeat the anti-pooling railroad bill now pending. A resolution was adopted favoring the proposed postal savings bank system.

Necessary Funds Lacking.

The American Missionary association has made public its fifty-first annual report. It shows that during the last few months hundreds of students have been turned away from the schools for want of funds.

Twenty Persons Injured.

Twenty persons were injured, three perhaps fatally, at a grade crossing on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad between Passaic and Delaware, N. J., Wednesday night. They were in a stage which was struck by a train.

Payne Declines the Chairmanship.

Henry C. Payne of Indianapolis has refused to accept the chairmanship of the executive committee of the gold standard conference, which will have charge of a currency bill to be placed before congress.

Book Paper Makers Combine.

It is reported that the makers of book paper of Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio have formed an association to stop the cutting of prices in this product and to fix a minimum price.

Will Advocate a New Law.

Mutual fire insurance companies doing business in Wisconsin will try to have a new law passed to escape the restrictions placed on them by the new insurance law.

Carlists Would Seize Havana.

It is announced that a widespread Carlisle plot has been unearthed to overturn the Liberal regime in Cuba and seize Havana, with its forts and garrisons.

Is for Gov. Mount for Senator.

Lieut. Gov. Haggard says he is for Gov. Mount for senator from Indiana. Gov. Mount has said that his friends must not consider him a candidate.

Wages Advanced in Alabama.

Alabama coal companies employing about 1,200 coal miners, have announced that Jan. 1 they would advance wages from 60 to 70 cents a ton.

Work for 2,000 Persons.

The Cumberland Moore-Jones window glass factories at Bridgeton, N. J., employing 2,000 persons, will start Jan. 2.

Sanger Breaks a Bicycle Record.

Walter C. Sanger broke his own world's indoor bicycle record for half a mile, riding the distance in one minute flat.

John E. Redmond to Visit Us.

John E. Redmond, M. P., the Irish leader, will sail for this country on the Teutonic Dec. 30.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Condensed Report of Work in Senate and House.

In the House Tuesday three bills making appropriations for the payment of the salaries of members and for the expenses of the special session were advanced to third reading. Mr. Selby introduced a revenue bill. It is the 10 per cent valuation bill prepared by the Chicago real estate board and introduced at the regular session by Senator Baxter. The apportionment bill was advanced to second reading.

A short session of the Senate was held. Senator Tempelton's bill appropriating \$60,000 additional for the soldiers' and sailors' home at Quincy was advanced to third reading. Senator Aspinwall introduced the senatorial apportionment bill.

The senatorial reapportionment bill was advanced to third reading in the house Dec. 22. The bill appropriating \$1,000 for defense of the inheritance tax law in the United States supreme court was recalled to second reading, the amount raised to \$7,000 and the bill again sent to third reading. The three routine senate appropriation bills were passed.

In the senate the house bill appropriating \$60,000 additional for the soldiers and sailors' home at Quincy was passed with the emergency clause.

The house Dec. 23 passed the Republican senatorial apportionment bill by a vote of 79 yeas to 54 nays. There were but two votes to spare. Wilson of Schuyler was the only Republican who refused to vote for the bill.

The senate passed a resolution for adjournment until Tuesday morning, Jan. 4, without the "no pay" clause and the house concurred in this action.

In the house the bill appropriating \$7,000 for the employment of special counsel to aid the attorney general in defending the inheritance tax case now pending in the United States supreme court was passed.

AGAINST HANNA.

Report That Opposing Ohio Republicans Will Leave the Party.

Columbus, O., Dec. 25.—The State Journal prints a story that the republicans, led by Charles Kurtz in opposition to the re-election of Senator Hanna, have promised to support free silver as the price of the defeat of Senator Hanna. The story, the Journal states, comes from a man who claims that Mr. Hanna will be defeated. The Journal says: "Conferences are being held in various parts of this state by democrats, who have gathered at the direction of McLean and the free silver leaders to plan for bringing pressure to bear upon democratic members of the legislature to vote for Gov. Bushnell, and the argument which is used in these conferences to convince the doubting and to bring conviction to the hesitating is that Bushnell will act with the free silver men in the United States senate if elected."

MUST PAY A SNUG SUM.

United States Assessed \$464,000 for the Seizure of British Vessels.
Washington, Dec. 25.—The United States will have to pay the sum of \$464,000 for the seizure of British ships in Bering sea, thus settling a dispute which has occupied attention for eleven years. The findings of the British-American commission chosen to assess the damages for the seizures have been received by the state department and the British embassy. The strictest reticence is maintained, however, on the general character of the finding, though it is admitted that the total of the award against the United States is \$464,000, which includes principal and interest.

Carlists Seek Adherents.

London, Dec. 25.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "Some agitation has been caused in the Spanish colony here by the issue of a circular inviting Spaniards in European capitals to rally to the Carlisle cause and to save the nation from revolution and anarchy. A remarkable feature of the movement is the understanding that evidently exists between the Cuban group in Paris and the adherents of Don Carlos. It is asserted that Don Carlos has promised to abdicate in favor of his son, Don Jaime."

Kruger Fears Cecil Rhodes.

Johannesburg, Dec. 25.—President Kruger, in the course of a speech at Krugersdorp Tuesday, expatiated upon the danger of the so-called constitutional methods of Cecil Rhodes and upon the importance of keeping out of Rhodes' clutches Delagoa bay, which the president characterized as "the Transvaal's only gateway to the sea."

Minnesota Law Upheld.

Judge Lochren has decided that the Minnesota "pink law," providing that all oleomargarine or butterine offered for sale in this state must be colored a bright pink is constitutional.

Fire at Doniphan, Mo.

Fire destroyed the business portion of Doniphan, Mo. Twenty-six business houses were burned, and the total loss is estimated at \$100,000, with about \$33,000 insurance.

Demand Change in Law.

The Northwestern Iowa Grain Shippers' Association demanded that freight overcharges be made unquestionably unlawful.

Canadian Sealers Made Happy.

The Canadian sealers are to receive \$464,000 from the United States for losses caused by the seizure of their vessels.

State School for Iowa Baptists.

Baptists of Iowa have decided to recognize the school at Des Moines as the state college hereafter.

A BOON FOR SUFFERERS.

A Remedy Which Has Cured More Than 1,000,000 People.

"5 Drops" is the name of a powerful remedy which is guaranteed to cure rheumatism, neuralgia, catarrh, asthma, la grippe and kindred ailments. The company is entirely safe in making the guarantee, because every month they receive thousands of grateful letters from those who were sufferers, but have never received one complaint. The effect of "5 Drops" is felt at once. James Williams of Regent, Ill., writes on November 12, 1897: "My wife has been suffering two years with rheumatism. She used about one bottle of '5 Drops,' and can now go without her crutches." To more extensively advertise the merits of this remedy the producers will for the next thirty days send out 100,000 of their sample bottles of this positive cure for 25 cents a bottle by mail prepaid. Large bottle, 300 doses, \$1 (for thirty days 3 bottles \$2.50). Those suffering should write to the Swanson Rheumatic Cure company, 167-169 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill., and take advantage of this generous offer. This company is reliable and promptly fill every order.